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Have You Had Your “Identity” Stolen?

One of the new and growing forms of criminal activity is identity theft. Each year, thousands of people have their credit card, social security number, or driver’s license stolen by someone who uses their identity for personal gain, and in turn causes financial pain to the victim. Yet, there is another kind of identity theft that is even more damaging and prevalent: the theft of our personal, individual identity.

This identity can be stolen by our past, by our self-concept, by our culture, by other people, and even by the evil one himself. And it can lead to depression, discouragement, and deep confusion about who we are.

If you struggle with insecurity, esteem, identity, or in-the-past issues, there is a way to recover your identity through Jesus Christ, the One who died and rose on Easter to prove that He is Almighty and able to help us see ourselves through His eyes of grace, mercy, love and forgiveness. Learn how this works in a fascinating study of personal identity, *“Identity Theft: Recovering Who You Are”*.



We’ll begin the series on Good Friday (5pm & 7pm) and then on Easter provide a unique look at “A Happy Ending to a Sad Life” as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We’ll look at other key issues in the weeks that follow. The topics and dates are listed on the back page.

You have friends who struggle with identity issues...it’s more common than you may think. Why not invite them to Lakeshore services during this series? It may just provide the solid biblical answers they need to recover their own stolen identity. It can add a whole new meaning to, “I once was lost, but now am found.”

As always, we’ll do our best to provide creative, impact-driven services that meet everyone right where they are so God can move them to where they need to be.

Warmly,

Pastor Vince



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The Lakeshore Community Center (LC2) officially opened on January 10

Phase One Is Finally Done!

It's now been a couple of months since the Grand Opening of the LC2 but there is still tons of energy and excitement as we enjoy the new space. We're still learning to use the new space and we're now able to hold more events in more venues. It's been a dream come true!

With the completion of the LC2, phase one is now done! What does that mean? As far as new, additional buildings are concerned, we are done with further building (with the exception of the storage building at the back of the new facility) until we grow to somewhere approaching 2,000 people. But what it doesn't mean is that we are done with the giving phase of the "Finishing The Work" campaign. While your giving to date has allowed us to build the LC2, your giving through the end of 2011 is essential to help us pay the bills and the new mortgage.

Below please find an update on our "FTW" giving as of mid March. Thanks for being faithful to give to the building campaign "above and beyond" your regular tithes for the general budget.

	Budget	Actual	Net Difference
2010 FTW Giving (YTD)	\$ 53,096	\$ 45,086	- \$ 8,010
Total FTW Giving (since Dec. 2008)	\$ 884,588	\$ 871,992	- \$ 12,596

Meaghan's Run

By Gail Zicari Wagner, Race Director

Please consider joining us on June 12th for the third annual Meaghan's 5k, a walk and run for lung cancer research at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center. We outgrew our last two sites and my dear friend Patty Langdon, a member of Lakeshore, suggested LCC. I came out last summer and saw a beautiful facility that seemed very warm and welcoming. The walk and run will take place on the roads but will be marshaled by the Greece special police. We have a website, MeaghansHope.com that provides more information on how to register.

The purpose of the event is to honor those who are battling, surviving or have lost their fight against this cancer. In November of 2007 I read an essay in the Democrat and Chronicle by Meaghan Latone, a young mom who was diagnosed with non-smoking lung cancer. She wrote hoping to raise awareness about this cancer and its lack of funding for research. Lung cancer also, she wrote, continues to be the single, biggest cancer killer, often diagnosed too late with a very poor survival rate. Meaghan fought the good fight, but unfortunately Meaghan passed away in August of 2008. She was with us for the first 5k that was a runaway success. 800 came to walk and run and raised over \$50,000 for research. Last year on a blizzard-like day, 900 participated to raise over \$60,000. Will you join us on June 12th? The post race food is always abundant thanks to our generous sponsors and the camaraderie is wonderful. People thank us for putting the race on that can honor those who have passed away or give hope to those who are fighting cancer.

Faith is important to me and I know there was a reason Patty and her husband stepped into my life when they did. I hope that Meaghan's 5k has found its place and that we can return to



Meaghan Latone (center)

Spiritually Strong Singles

By Paul Clark

I often wondered why there wasn't a Singles Ministry here at Lakeshore, selfishly asking, "Why isn't there a singles ministry?" instead of "How can I help *start* one?" God kept calling until I got the message, and now, I am pleased to tell you about Lakeshore's new adult singles ministry, *Spiritually Strong Singles*.

The name, *Spiritually Strong Singles*, is also the *vision* of the ministry. Our goal is to build spiritually strong singles by restoring them to relational and spiritual wholeness, encouraging healthy relationships and promoting spiritual growth.

By using the vision, *Spiritually Strong Singles* as our group name, we are better identified as a faith-based ministry and not a "dating service." The ministry is for adults who are single by "choice, chance, change or circumstance" and wish to connect with Christ, Lakeshore and the community. Acknowledging that many singles may be in search of a partner, we will ask God to help with "matters of the heart."

We will celebrate the unique gifts and potential of singles adults with rewarding "share and serve" opportunities as an important element of our ministry. While turning indifferent singles into difference makers for Christ, it is imperative that we align with Lakeshore's vision, mission and strategic plan.

The Singles Ministry Main Purposes are:

Build Up ... through small groups (such as Lakeshore community groups).

Build In...with social and recreational activities.

Build Out...by offering service and outreach projects.

Build Bridges...by connecting to the community and other houses of worship.

Our new singles ministry has great potential and will uniquely serve the many singles in the Lakeshore family. To date we have met as a community group and are currently studying the Book of Acts, utilizing a study guide by well-known author Max Lucado. Interested singles are welcome to visit our remaining classes on March 13th or March 27th. We meet Saturday evenings at 7 pm, Lakeshore room 110. Childcare is not available but we do have snacks!

After the community group winter session ends we plan to continue meeting on Saturdays. Our meetings will be at Lakeshore on the fourth Saturday of each month with additional social get-togethers. We anticipate a variety of activities coffee, dinner, movies, concerts and community service projects.

Singles, Lakeshore Community Church is building a ministry for you and hope you can join us! Please contact Paul Clark at 729-8796 or pclark2@rochester.rr.com for more information.



Women's Connection Mini Retreat

By Terri Sherwood

Our ladies at LCC got to kick their shoes off and just have some good wholesome fun. Friday night started with a PJ game night in the Multi-Purpose Room and the ISM room. To see the friendships unfold was such a blessing! We crowned Joanne Lagona the PJ princess and she wore the crown proudly. After playing a number of "get to know each other" games ladies broke off into groups and had fun talking and playing games.

Saturday started out bright and early with breakfast and a day of God-filled messages. Denise McGarvey, our speaker, spoke about learning to love ourselves spiritually, mentally, and physically. What a powerful message! Women left with new insight, seeing themselves in a way they never had before.

We are so blessed to have such amazing women at LCC and look forward to more events to connect with each other. Please join us next time!



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**Good Friday Service
5pm and 7pm**

**Easter Sunday Service
9am and 11am**

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www.lakeshorechurch.org

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SUNDAY SERVICES

COMMON GROUND MIDWEEK SERVICES

Two identical Good Friday services this year: 5pm & 7pm

Apr. 2 He Took Our Place (Good Friday, 5pm & 7pm)

A JET TOUR THROUGH REVELATION

Apr. 8 The Revelation Of Christ And His Church

Apr. 29 BAPTISM CELEBRATION

May 6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (location TBD)

May 20 The Revelation Of The Seven Year Tribulation, Pt. 1

Jun. 3 The Revelation Of The Seven Year Tribulation, Pt. 2

Jun. 17 The Revelation Of Christ’s Second Coming

Jul. 1 The Revelation Of The World To Come